

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the
Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity
held on Monday, 15th November, 2010 at The Assembly Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor David Brown, Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity

Officers

Joanne Dutton, Principal Planning Officer
Maureen Groppe, Community Engagement Officer (Grants)
Cherry Foreman, Democratic Services

Apologies

Councillor Lesley Smetham, Cabinet Support Member

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

6 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

7 STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT

The Cabinet Member considered a report which sought approval for the publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as part of the evidence base for the Cheshire East Local Development Framework.

The primary role of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment was to:

1. Identify sites with potential for housing;
2. Assess their housing potential; and
3. Assess when they are likely to be developed.

The study included sites that had been put forward by landowners and developers, with a capacity for 10 or more dwellings. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment had been undertaken to:

- provide a consistent assessment of potential sites that had been submitted by land owners and developers;
- consider factors affecting the developability of the site (e.g. flood risk, access);

- assess the sustainability of the site in terms of accessibility to services; and
- consider the deliverability of the site in terms of the need for / timescales for delivering infrastructure required (e.g. highway schemes).

The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment provided background evidence on the potential availability of land in Cheshire East for housing.

A housing requirement of 1,150 net additional new dwellings a year had been agreed by the Council. There were currently insufficient 'deliverable' sites to meet the five year supply requirement, consequently the Council was introducing the Interim Planning Policy on the Release of Housing Land, to identify broad locations for future housing growth, pending the preparation of the Local Development Framework which would allocate areas and sites for future development.. This guidance, which was subject to consultation, had identified two broad locations for housing growth within the Borough. These locations would provide an additional 1,350 dwellings to the 5 year supply and consequently the 5 year supply total was increased to 6,097. This equated to 5.3 years' supply.

This document would be reviewed and updated annually.

This assessment was required by national planning policy, set out in Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing (PPS3).

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment be published; and
- (2) the document be used as part of the evidence base for the Cheshire East Local Development Framework.

8 COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Cabinet Member considered a report on the award of Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations which met the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council.

Cheshire East Council had received various applications for community grants to be considered in line with the Council's Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants. Each grant application was outlined in the report, as was the reason for the recommendation in respect of that application.

All of the proposed grants could be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2009-10.

RESOLVED

That the Community Grants listed in the report be awarded, declined or deferred as indicated.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.20 am

Councillor David Brown (presiding)